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In re Application of
Peyravian et al.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

The Examiner's telephone interview dated May 3, 2004 is appreciated. During the interview, the Examiner acknowledged that the application contained patentable subject matter, but contended that the claim language was overly broad. The discussion revolved around the meaning of the term "time difference." Applicant argued that the Haber patent cited by the Examiner does not compute a time difference. The Examiner, in reply, argued that any indication of time is really a time difference because all time is measured from some fixed reference point. According to the Examiner, an indication of the current time is a time difference. No specific amendments to the claims were discussed and no agreement was reached with the Examiner.

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